# FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP

# PREACHED SERMON ON THE SWEAT BOX

Rev. T. Benton Hill, of Newport News, Starts Vigorous Crusade

# ABOLITION OF THE CHAINGANG

This Will Be the O ject of the Move ment Set Going by Treatment Received by J. H. Hahn at the Hands of Commissioner-

(Sectal Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 29. Rev. T. Benton Hill, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, preached last night a sensational sermon on the sweat-box, the whipping-post and the Mayor's decis in the Hahn case. J. H. Hann, it will be recalled, is the man who came here several days ago from Norfolk, was at-rested as "a suspicious character," lockdup, put in the sweat-box for seven hours for refusing to work on the chain-gang and flogged on the bare back the following day for like refractoriness. The preacher signed his name to the ap-plication for a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted by Judge Barham, was granted by Judge Barham who ordered the prisoner's permanent release upon the ground that he had been improperly detained in the first place. The Mayor made an investigation in which he found that the street commiwas within the law in subjecting Hahn to the sweat-box and the whip-ping, but censured the official for his

In his sermon Mr. Hill bitterly demounced the torture of the sweat-box and the degradation inflicted by the lesh, particularly in this case, when it was shown that the man should never have been arrested, much less made to maye been ariested, index less must suffer such ignominious punishment. Mr. Hill held that the Mayor's action should have gone further, that the street commissioner had exceeded his authority, and had above all been guilty of brutal and unjustifiable conduct. This is the beginning of a campaign

that has for its object the abolition of the chaingang system, that has in some ways been a decided benefit to the city, enabling the street department to do much work that could not otherwise have been done and at the same time practically ridding the city of the tramp nuisance, with which it was badly pestered before the chaingang was organized. The opposition to the institution is almost wholly from the labor men, who, of course, form the bulk of the population. The Central Labor Union has already passed resolutions condemnmuch work that could not otherwise have has already passed resolutions condemn-

An effort is now being made to prove that J. W. Crump, the young man arrested the other day with several forg-ery charges against him, is mentally un-balanced. At the instance of the young man's parents, a commission of lunacy was ordered. The Crumps are Charles City people of good family. The two boys, W. A., and John W. Crump, lived in Manchester, Va., for some time, but came down here and went on the police force, one as a regular o...cer, the other as a special John got the position of as a special. John got the position of jailer under City Sergeant Mils ead. W. A. Crump eventually lost his position on the police force on a charge of insubordination. John's services were dispensed with by Mr. Milstead for reasons not given out, and the young man has become more or less involved financially, with the unfortunate result stated.

A mass meeting of citizens to-night formally endorsed J. L. Patton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, for one of the Virginia commissioners to the

dent of the Chamber of Commerce, for one of the Virginia commissioners to the St. Louis Exposition. The Executive Committee of the Jamestown Exposition Company has endorsed Mr. Patton and J. G. Tilton, of Norfolk.

LOST HIS MIND.

It is stated that W. — Hibbard, of The New York Journal of Commerce and Stock Bulletin, has lost his mind as the result of his experience several days ago when he and four companions drifted out to sea in a disabled launch during a storm and were rescued by the pilot

a storm and were rescued by the pilot boat Relief, just off Cape Henry. Elwood Lukens, an inmate of the Sol-

diers' Home, was dangerously hurt by being thrown this morning from a buggy

being thrown this morning from a buggy to which was attached a runaway horse. He will probably die.

Fire Chief W. K. Stowe was suspended to-day by the Mayor and Thomas F. Stennett appointed acting chief. Stowe is sick and the ten days' vacation a'lowed him has expired. The Mayor alleges was the tief in the only reason for the susthat this is the only reason for the sus

A. J. Hammond, a merchant, was fined ten dollars to-day for selling firearms to sort in this city.

# HEARD IN ASHLAND

### Several Enjoyable Entertainments During the Holidays.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ASHLAND, VA., December 29,-The

Misses Lancaster gave an entertainment Thursday evening, which was most enloyable. The following guests were present Misses Lizzle Owens, Julia Weislger, K. B. Wright, M. Wright, T. W. Wright, C. Vandiver, Annie Herndon, C. Cox, M. Brown, G. Nixon, Marjorie Hunter, M. Wright, A. D. Kerr, of Ware, and Misses Crenshaw and Smithey; Messrs, J. Exp. C. Hobson, Jim Cox. F. Cox. J. Fox, C. Hobson, Jim Cox, F. Cox, McClintic, T. Phelps, M. Leake, T. Rob-irson, Lipscomb, Blakeney, L. Wright, R. Nixon, M. Smithey, Smithey, L. Price and J. Ware.

Mrs. Conway Gordon entertained a few fliends at a musicale Saturday evening. The guests present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maury, Mrs. John Addison, Mrs. Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Annie Hunter Miss Marjorie Hunter, Miss Fannie Lan-caster, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Charles Hun-ter and Mr. Jim hunter, Mr. Irvine Scott is at home for the

Wallace Bennett is spending a few days at his mother's home.

Mr. Robert Gachrist, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Dr. Herndon, has

Mr. Charles Drewny, of Texas, made a figing visit to his relatives here. Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Samuel B. Carter and Miss Elizabeth D. Lee, The young lady resides in Sum-

returned to New York.

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Miss Elizabeth Pendleton is at nome for the Christmas season. Mr. Ned Bowles leaves to-morrow for

Miss Mary Jones, daughter of Dr. Jones

Miss Mary Jones, daughter of Dr. Jones. came home from school for the holidays. Mr. Richard Bierne has returned to his engagements in Baltimore
Mr. Joe Neville, of Portsmouth, is spending his holiday here.
Mr. Buchanan is spending his Christmas holidays with his brother, Mr. Horace Buchanan.
The Baptists had their Sunday school Christmas tree yesterday auernoon at

Christmas tree yesterday atternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

the holidays, with her sister, Mrs. Greg-

Miss Mary Brown has returned to her home here, after a lengthy visit to friends in Suffolk.

Mr. Stuart Leake came home from the University of Virginia to spend his .....

days.

Mr. Julian Fox has come from New York to spend the Carlstmas season.

Messrs. Paul and Olin Blincoe are staying at their mother's during the present season.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes' children are now convergescent.

now convalescent.
The Methodist Sunday school held
their Christmas tree celebration last evening in the chapel of Randolph-Macon

Dr. Hart went to his old home in Louisa to rest during Christmas.

Mrs. M. D. Hart has returned to "Hartland." in Louisa, the home of her hus-

band's family.

The Caristian Church gave their Sunday school a Chris'mas tree last night.

Miss Nannie Vaden has gone to Balti-

more to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Sickness, which has been so prevalent for many weeks past, is now on the decrease: --o new cases have developed. recently.

Mrs. \_r. Vest and her son and daughter have returned here to occupy her

### HUNTING IN POWHATAN

Richmond Gunners Are Bagging Birds. Successful at B Iona.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BELONA, VA., December 29.-Dr M. B. Rudd and Mr. John Jackson, of Richmond, with Bang and Jack, their celebrated pointers, spent several days here. They bagged about two hun-dred birds and left for Richmond this morning. They are both excellent shots and are usually successful.

There are quite a number of other

huntsmen in the neighborhood, among them six members of the "West-End Hunt Club," who are hunting on Powell's game reserve.
Miss Arnette French left for Ports

mouth Saturday to enter a hospital for training.
Miss Lena Rudd, who has been attending school at Hollins Institute, is

spending the holidays with her parents at Oak Grove Academy. Messrs. John and Macon Hobson, students at V. P. I., are at home for the

### IN A PREDICAMENT

Small Boy, Who Says He Is from Norfolk, Found at St. unton,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., December 23.— Shirley Culpeper, eleven years old, claiming that he lives at No. 325 Pool Street, Actfolk, was plaked mp by a gentement from the county near Staumon late yestercay evening and brought to Staunter and turned over to the authorities. Shir-ley says that his mother, Mrs. Maggie Culepeper, got a place for him on a farm near Waynesboro and put him on the rain in charge of the conductor Sinday morning, when he started Simunton on foot. When two or nesboro, but thinks it was a Mr. Crist. Shirley is very bright for his age.

# SERIOUS BLAZE IN STAUNTON'S JAIL

# The Prisoners Are Almost Suffocated Before the Jailer Can Be Found.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., December 29.— Fire that broke out in the county jall between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday night, resulting very seriously The fire originated in a vacant room in the cellar of the jail and had made such headway before the alarm was turned in that the prisoners on the seco. d

The jailor could not be found for some minutes, and it seemed that nothing could be done to save the prisoners

rom suffication. Policeman Newman succeeded in open-ng the front door. The prisoners we e n an awful state of excitement, screamng and crying, and at the same time the friends and relations of the pri-soners were running to the only open door, with wet handkerchiefs which they passed to the prisoners to put over their yes and mouths.

yes and mouths.

Things would have resulted very serious but for Mr. Newman finally succeeding in breaking the other large outside door on the east of the jail, and also the large grated door, and finally let the prisoners out, some badly suffocated and half ared to death.

scared to death.

Most of the prisoners were removed o the county court-house, and the jall obysician was summoned. The physician tated that he thought no serious harm would result to any of them from the effects of being overcome by smoke.

The fire was soon gotten under control fter the doors were opened and the ire department could gain entrance.

# THE CHRISTMAS HOP

Young People Enjoy a Holiday Society Event in Cumberland.

(Special D spatch to The Times.)
CV. BERLAND COURTHOUSE, VA.,
Deceaber 20.—Quite a large crowd of
young people attended the Christmas hop
at the "Inn" Saturday from 8 o'clock in
the evening to 2 A. M.
Delightfol percept ments were served at Delightful refreshments were served at

Among the dancers were Misses Alma French, Alice Hobson, Eve and Maidie Pyerley, Misses Maude Keith, of lorida; Pyerley, Misses Maude Kelth, of lorida; 'oy Herndon, of Kentucky; Helen Flipten, Annie Belle Johnson, Mary Johnson, the Misses Lawford, Goodman, Tingley, Suc Gray Flippen, Salile and Lucy Garland, Carrle Byerley, of Mississippi; Ida Flippen, Palmore, Berkins, Frances Foster, Phillips and others.

The gentlemen dancing were Messrs, Hugh French, of V. P. I.; Robert Gills, William Johnson, James Rand Scott.

William Johnson, James Rand Scott, Charlie B. Flippen, Moorman Shepherd, Jack Flippen, Miller, Lloyd, Butler, Vai-den, Foster, Woodson, Dr. Carter Wei-siger, Judge Smith and others.

The chaperones were Mesdames Charles Diggs, V. Vaiden, Lawford and Mrs. Oli-ver Flippen,
Misses Garland, of "Northfield," are at home from Blackstone Institute for the

holidays, Miss Carrie Byerley, of Cary, Miss., is The Baptists had their Sunday school Christmas tree yesterday alternoon at 20 o'clock.

Miss Carrie Byerley, of Cary, Miss, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eva Byerley, of "Green Level."

Miss Maude Keith, of Florida, is the guest of the Misses Garland, of "Northfield."

# 'PHONE ORDERS TO FREDERICKSBUKG

Great Value of New Line Down the Rappahannock Valley.

LOCAL OPTION COMPROMISE

Saloon Keepers and Temperance Forces in Caroline Agree That Saloon Men May Continue Business Until Exp.ration of License.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.— The Upper Rappahannock telephone line from Tappahannock to this city has been completed, and connection made in the office of the Rappahannock, Freder cks-burg and Piedmont Telephone Company, which furnishes the local service here. At Tappalannock this line give commun-cation to a large number of other points, putting the entire south side of the Rappahannock River in telephonic touch with this city. The line will be of great service to the people in the section through which it runs and a great advantage to Fredericksburg. Though the line is just completel a number of mer-chants here have already received orders for goods over the telephone to be ship-

ped by steamer.

Tre local option fight in Caroline ty has become so warm that the liquor dealers of that county, through their at-torney, Richard Moneure, presented to the advocates of local option a proposi-tion to the effect that if the liquor dealers are allowed to cyntinue the sale of liquor until the expiration of their pres-ent licenses, which will be on April 30th, hev will make no fight against local option. The proposition signed by the liquor dealers, was accepted and signed by Rev. Andrew Broaddus in behalf of

the temperance people.

FOR ROOSEVELT,
Captain Peter Street, a well known fisherman of Stafford county, who makes a specialty of curing and smoking Potomac herrings, has sent to President Theodore Roosevelt a box of his finest selected smoked herrings for the President's New Year's breakfast.

More coal has arrived here at a critical time. Messrs, J. R. Leitch & Company having received a constamment, which they are distributing to their customers in half ton lots. The dealers he estate that they expect to receive coal regularly from this time to the end of egularly from this time to the end of

The work of laying new gas pipes on the streets of the city preparatory to paving the same which was interfere with by the Christmas holidays, was

with by the Christmas holdays, was resumed to-day by a large force of hands, and the work will be steadily pushed until completed.

AN AGED COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Aver, of Fauguler, have moved to Loudoun county to reside. This couple has been marred for over sixty-one years. Mr. Aver is eighty-six years old and Mrs. Ayara'ghty-three and both are well preserved, considering their advanced ages Mr. Aver is the owner of an antique desk Mr. Ayer is the owner of an antique desk which he purchased at a sale at Mt. Vernon, where it was used by George Washington. He has refused \$1,000 for

peper county, is one of the most progressive farmers of the State. Bester this home property, which is in a high this home property, which is in a high state of cultivation, he has several farms on the Upper Rappahannock, which were yery much run down before he owned Since they became his propert he has converted them into attractive and productive places on which large crops of corn and hay are now raise ach season and fine herds of cattle

# CHATHAM GAYETY

Several Delightful Whist Entertainment During the Holidays.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHATHAM, VA. Mesdames N. E. Clement and S. M. Coles very delightfully entertained at whis Friday night. Several tables were filled night. Several tables were filled. and third floors were nearly suffocated and the evening was very enjoyable before the fire department reached the throughout. The first prize, which was throughout. The first prize, which was a very handsome medallion picture, war won by Miss Edna Hunt, while the booby was taken by Miss Penn, of Roanoke afternoon the devotees were en tertained by Miss Isla Ragsdale, at Hotel Chatham.

The young people were given a very enjoyable hop at the Chatham Episcopal Institute Saturday night, which will be

repeated Tuesday night.

Mrs. S. K. Collier, Sr., will entertain
the lovers of whist Monday night.

Natio Pigg gave a very pleasant Miss Mattle Pigg gave a very pleasant dance at her home, near Dry Fork, Mon-day night. Goodly number was present. and the festivities were kept up until

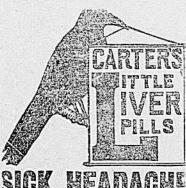
Mrs. R. E. L. Aylor has been wery sick at her home here for several days.

The week has been one of gayety from the beginning, and will be kept through the holidays.

# FOUND, BUT DYING

W. J. Houck, of Pocahontas, who Disapprared in Indiana.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
POCAHONTAS, VA., Dec. 29.-William J. Houck, the young man from near Po-cahontas who mysteriously disappeared from his boarding house at Crawfords ville, Ind., early in the fall, has been heard from, though under circumstances



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They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Pice.

which bring much grief to his family

It seems that Wi...am went to La-Fayette, Ind., after leaving Crawfords rayette, ind., after leaving Crawfords wille and found employment there. Not a trace of him was ever found until this week a letter came stating that William was dangerously iii. His brother John was preparing to take the train to go to his bedside when a telegram came advising of his death. advising of his death.

His body will be brought to Pocahon-tas for burial. The cause of his death is unknown as yet.

### INSURANCE RATES

Complaint From the Southwest that They Have Been Raised.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
TAEWELL, VA., December Recently two representatives of fire in-surance companies were here and fixed a schedule, whereby rates were increased from 25 to 100 per cent, on all risks.

The people here do not understand the reason for this increase, unless it is due to the repeal of the "Wharton Law," and they will urge on the General As sembly to re-enact this law at the

There was no demand from the in sured for its repeal and it is thought here that this is the first step towards restablishing the Southwestern Association in the State. The Legisla-ture will commend itself to the people if it will take speedy steps to put this law back in force. Several other towns in this section have been visited by these agents and have met the same fate. Sheriff James Bandy still lies in a critical condition at the Central Hotel. He is growing weaker hourly and his death is looked for any day.

### WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Feature of the Evening was the Singing of the Richmord Quartette.

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(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

IRWIN, VA., Doc. 29.—The entertainment held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, connected with Byrd Church, last Friday night was one of the most successful events of the season. While the attendance was not large, there was cleared more than thirty dollars. The feature of the eventy; was the performance given by the Odd-Fellows' Quartette of Richmond, comprising Mesers. L. H. Phillips, James Davis, J. V. Cherry and R. A. Phomes. To these gentlement the success of the evening is due, for their singing and playing was the attraction. Mr. Cherry's Impersonations took the house, and he was frequently encored. Miss Sallie N. Brooking also contributed a few recitations, which were well delivered and received.

Mrs. Wilson is ill at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. N. B. Campbell, of Ballam.

Mrs. Dayton Brooking, Miss Marle Noel

Mrs. Dayton Brooking, Miss Marie Noel and Mr. Westwood Norvell are guests of the family of Hon, W. B. W. Brook ng, of Balliam.

# MAJOR BOLTON PRESIDENT

He Once Operated All the Street Railway: in Richmond,

(Special Disputch to The Times.) CHARLOTTESVILE, VA., Dec. 29.— Major Channing M. Bolton has sue-sceeded R. P. Valentine as president of the Charlottesville City and Subu bar Rellway, Major Bolton is a well known street rullway man. At one time he perated the whole of the Richmond

# NOW INTERCEDING

# ffort to Induce the Institute Board of Visitors to Reinstate

the cadets recently dismissed from he Virginia Military Institute for their fireworks escapade on Desember 9th, have been in Lexington for the purpose of inbeen in Lexington for the purpose of in-terceding with the superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, relative to the reinstatement of their sons, but the matter has passed from his hands into hat of the Board of Visitors the meeting of which will be held after the middle of January.

The Christmas holiday for the cadets of The Christmas nomany for the cadets of the Virginia Military institute passed of very quietly Contrary to expectations, the cadets have remained in the variacks. Lexington was not visited by them, and no fireworks were purchased hat day by the cadets, much to the disappointment of some of the merchants ho reap a harvest from the sales to

them. The chain gang of Lexington, recently einst'tuted by Mayor Pierson, has not proved a success. Two out of the three prisoners have taken French leave, and are spending their Christmas holidays elsewhere Joe Franklin, who shot a comnanion on the main street, left the se-cond time he was taken out to the stone quarry to work, and Henry Ross refused to work, and was denied his dinner, sur ner and breakfast in consequence. While in the eart going to work with the guere the next morning, he immed and left for more congenial climate, and is now nioving his holidays "Sockey" Rowle is now the sole representative of the dicanized chain conc. and is now taking a regular meals with Jailor Jackson The force of hands engaged to work ifficulty is experienced in securing enough workmen in order to run the furnace. The reason assigned is that the negro work-men laid in a supply of whickey, and are on a nestonged stree. When purchased in a quantity there is no intermission until In appreciation of the services of the Rev J. E. Booker, of Lexington, in sup-aving their puloit, the congregation of the O'd Stone Presbyterian Church, at Timber Ridge, have presented him with a handsome buggy.

# FIRE AT IOUISA

A Main-Street Store Building is Saved by Prempt Work.

by Prempt Work.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LOUISA, VA., Dec. 29.—What might have ben a disastrous conflagration was narrowly averted by the timely discovery of a considerable blame in the basement of the double store building on Main Street, owned by Mrs. P. B. Porter and occupied by The Cash Store as a retail furniture house. About 8 o'clock Sunday morning Mr. A. B. Woodward, who conducts an insurance and undertaking establishment next door, had occasion to visit his office, which he found filled with smoke. He immediately gave the alarm, which was responded to quickly by dozens of citizens, who by hard work soon had the fire under control with but soon had the fire under control with but slight damage to the building or stock, both of which are partially insured. It is supposed that the fire originated from a match or clear stump carelessly thrown from the alley.

# COLONIAL BALL IN PETERSBURG

It Will Be the Society Event of the Winter Season.

# A LIST OF PATRONESSES

t is Given Under the Auspices of the Frances Bland Randolph Chapter, and Will Be Led by Mr. John Watson-Other News.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
PETERSBURG VA. Dec. 23.—The colonial bail to be given New Year's night is looked forward to with much pleasure. It will be under the auspices of the Frances Bland-Randolph Chapter, of which Mrs. E. W. Finch is regent, and will be led by Mr. John Watson, The patronesses are: Mesdames R. L. Wat-son, W. L. Venable, W. R. McKenney, John McGill, William Mahone, R. C. Scott, Nora Nichols, Alexander Hamilton, Archibaid Campbell, Nora Morrson, R. T. Meade, R. B. Davis, E. W. Finch, A. K. Davis, E. G. Temple. Charles Hall Davis, S. P. Mitchell, James McKlevy, Gordon McCabe, Preston Roper, W. F. Drewry and R. R. Hill.

Drewry and R. R. Hill.

Mr. H. Ross Hinton, of this city, has been appointed United States storekeeper for bonded warehouse No. 2, D mlop's tobacco factory. Mr. Hinton stool the civil service examinations held in Peters burg in June for customs service and made the highest mark among Several

applicants.

HAS BEEN PARDONED.

Dixon V. Conn, the young man recently convicted in this city for passing a worthless draft and sentenced to two years' in the penitentiary, has been pardoned. Governor Montague commuted Conn's sentence to six months in jail and pardoned him before the expiration of this term.

this term.
The Sunday school of West Street
Methodist Church presented Miss Brockwell, the organist, when a handsome diamond brooch yesterday.

A brass band, known as Robert E Lee's Band, has been organized in the western part of the city by twenty-four young men and boys. ar. R. Willard young men and boys, ar. R. Willa Eanes has been engaged as instructed

Eanes has been engaged as instructor. The instruments, which will cost about \$400, have been ordered.

William Wise and William Brisbon, two negroes, will answer the charge of shooting at Messrs. Ned Young and Percy Blanks. The shooting occurred several days ago at the head of Halifax Street. The young men were not injured, but the ball fixed at them lodged which they were seated. in the bench on which they were seated. Their case was continued this morning and will come up for a hearing the last

day in this year.

WATCH NIGHT S\_KVICE.

Watch night services will be held at
Washington Street Church Wednesday

shop A. M. Randolph, of the Southern Diocese of Virginia, will be in Petersburg Sunday, January 25th. He will administer the rite of confirmation at Grace Church in the morning and at St. Willie Nutter, a small white boy from Richmond, was arrested as a suspicious

character and was before the Mayor this morning. He will be sent back to Richnorsing. He will be sent back to Rich-nond.
All the overcoats recently stolen by All the overcoats recently stolen by hear recon-Henry Hill, a negro, have been recovered. .... is serving his jail sentence.
The funeral of the late William A. Flannagan took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Tabb Street Presbyterian

Church.
Dr. J. H. Claiborne and wife, of New York, are spending a few days in this DE WOLF HOPPER.

Thirteen Cadets Dismissed.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 29.—During the past past few days many of the parents of the endets recently displayed to the control of the endets recently displayed to the control of the control of the endets recently displayed to the control of the Dr. J. E. Booth, of Petersburg, who has

been convalescing in Norfolk, is now so much improved that he expects to return to Petersburg within a few days and resume his practice.

Professor Ambrose Macneil, the distinguished Scottish orator, delivered his patriotic lecture, "A Legacy of Honor," at the Y. M. C. A. this evening under the auspices of A. P. Hill Camp of Cnfederate Veterans. The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to such members of

ture will be devoted to such members of
the camp as are in need of help.
The following programme was carried
out this evening:
Vocal Solo, "Come to Me," Denza—Miss
Eleanor Beasley.
Male Quartette, selections—Messrs. Watson, Butcher, Stratton, Smith.
Vocal Solo, "In June," Dudley Buck—
Miss Eleanor Beasley,
Oration, "A Legacy of Honor"—Professor Ambrose Macnell, of Scotland.
Taps—Drum.

Taps-Drum. The funeral of Mr. Isaac Miller, who died suddenly in his room on Boilingbrook Street Saturday evening, took place this morning at 10 o'clock from Badger and Moore's undertaking rooms.

State Senator T. E. Mears, of Arkan-as, is visiting friends in Petersburg, Miss Mabel C. Danforth is visiting in

### Em nuel Church Rededicated. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 29.-Yesterday was a red-letter day to the congregation of Emanuel Episcopal Church. The open-ing services in their enlarged and beaufiful church were held. The sermon was preached by Right Rev. A. ... Randolph Bishop of Southern Virginia. The veste choir rendered fine muslc. At 4 o'clock there was a service for the children, and at 7:30 another service, with Bishor Gravatt, of West Virginia, as preacher

### NORFOLK'S LIBRARY Plans Well Advarced and a Baltimore

Architect Selected. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., December 30.—The

Carnegie Library is soon to be built and an architect from Baltimore is here to savise the Building Committee as to the best plan to be selected. The selection of a Baltimere architect when Norfolk is full of good ones has caused much hard feeling among the local architects, who feet that they have been snubbed.

The building of the library has caused a good many controversies. At first it was suggested that the building be erected in the West-End, where the exclusive set reside. One of the local papers vig-orously protested and urged that the ll-tyrry be built at a place in the city where the rich and poor allke could derive the

6 W Grove his signature is on every box of the go-air. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Taxata ne remedy that cures a cold is any day

benefits that the donor intended should benefits that the donor intended should be derived by all classes.

The paper won its fight, and when the library throws open its doors it will be it: the heart of the city easily accessible from all quarters of town.

# OWENS-PAYNE

Beautiful Marriage Ceremony in a Warrenton Church.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WARRENTON, VA., December 30 Mr. Charles Allen Owens and Miss Mattie Byrne Payne were married in the Presbyterian Church here at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. It was a wedding of much interest and one that has been talked of for some time past. In honor of the event a large and fash-

loable assemblage was present. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. W. T. Brooke, of Norfolk, was gowned in white mousseline de soie over white slik and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lillies of the valley. The maid of honor was Miss Nannie Brooke Payne, a sister of the bride. Sho wore a white lace robe and car-ried a large bouquet of American beau-

ty roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Harry Owens, as best man. The ushers were Mr. Alfred Tyler, of Washington; Mr. Fritz Payne, Mr. Keith Payne, Mr. Edward Henry, of Norfolk; Mr. A. H. Fouschee, of Durham, N. C., and Mr. W. L. Lockwood, of New York. The ceremony was per-formed by the pastor of the church, the Roy. Walter H. Robertson.

After the wedding the young couple re-ceived their host of friends at the resi-dence of the bride's mother on Waterloo

of Mrs. Jennie Brooke Payne, and is one of Warrenton's most charming young women. She has a wide circle of friends in Norfolk, where she has spent much of

her time.

Mr. Charles Allen Owens is a native of
Norfolk, but now resides in Savannah.

# ENGINEER KILLED

Wreck on the Norfolk and Western Near Greenville.

Near Greerville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 29.—The Norfolk and Western passenger train, which left here last night at 9 o'clock for Hagerstown, Md., over the Shenandoah Valley division, was wrecked two hours later near Greenville, sixty-five miles north of Roanoke. Engineer Wesley Bailey, of Roanoke, was instantly killed. None of the passengers were hurt.

The train was running about forty miles an hour when it struck a curve, where an angle-bar had been removed. The engine and two front coaches were thrown down an embankment.

The engine and trainer were turned over and Engineer Bailey was caught under the engine and crushed to death It is supposed that a fish-plate had been removed from a rail. Engineer Bailey was the oldest engineer on the Shenandoah Valley road, having run on a work train when the road was built. He was about fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife.

Fireman J. W. Underwood was thrown

Wife. Fireman J. W. Underwood was throw ut on the opposite side and escaped un When Engineer Bailey left the dis other Engineer Salley left the dispatcher's office last night he remarked to Dispatcher 'Daddy that it wouldn't be long before some of them would be killed, and his actions Indicated that he had some premonition of his impending calamity.

# ESCAPE FROM JAIL

# Five or Six Succeed in Breaking Out at Clifton Forge and Have

Not Been Captured.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Dec. 29.—
Several prisoners in the Clifton Forge
jail made their escape Saturday night
and have not been captured. Among
them were the negroes George Johnson and Robert Hansberry, who were sent on to await the action of the grand jury for highway robbery Christmas Day.

The door was broken open and outside elp is supposed to have been contributed

heip is supposed to have been contributed by some of the gang who have been holding up people in this locality during the past two months.

"Red Bill," a notorious character, and John Smithers, also colored, who stole a gold watch and other valuables from the office of Glady's Inn, and who was sontoned peeters. sentenced yesterday to six years in the

George Johnson and Robert Hansberry had been sent to the grand jury for holding up Jim King, colored

King, who is a resident of the Valley, came to town to take the train for his home. In Staunton and the train correspondent nome, in Staunton, and the two negroe followed him to a dark spot on the outskirts of the town and held him up taking \$12.77 and an overcoat from him

The desperadoes shot him in the left hand making a painful flesh wound. John Smothers, a colored bell boy at the Glady's Inn, had been sent to the colored refermatory, in Hanover county, for six years Saturday by Mayor W. F. Tinsle, for stealing a satchel from Miss Florence Lockhart, of Paris, Ky., a guest of the hotel. The satchel, which contained a fine gold watch and other valuables, was found in his possession

atnd he confessed the theft.

## CHASED ATEN VESSEE GREY Splendid Hunt Given by Keswick Club

Christmas Day.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
KESWICK, VA., Dec. 29.—The Christmas fox hunts, given by the Keswick Club to the whole country side, are unique and quaintly picturesque, in that they bring together a large and varied assemblage of men and mounts of every degree and class. The hunt of last Saturday was no exception to this usual Xmas hunt frolic.

Among those riding were Mr. and Mrs.

frolic.

Among those riding were Mr. and Mrs. Bowcock, Mr. and Mrs. Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowcock, Dr. and Mrs. Thurman, Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville; Mr. Malcolm Brown, of New York; Messrs, Duvali, of Richmond; Mrs. Jas. E. Latham, of North Carolina; the Misses Fox, Hancock, Carrie Randolph, Charlotte Randolph, Milliken, Miss Clarke, of New York; Mr. Jim McComb, Wilbur Osborne, Frank Randolph, George Macon, Dick Morris, Will Morris, Davis, Smith, Herring and many others too numerous to mention.

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Fromptly at 12 o'clock a fine grey from the State of Tennessee was shaken from the bag and the hot lis were put on some fifteen minutes later. The dogs followed the scent keenly and furiously for about twenty minutes, when the fox was overhauled and dispatched by the pack in the presence of Mr. Julian Morris, Mr. McComb and Mr. Malcom Brown, who presented the much-coveted brush to Miss Carrie Randolph as the first lady in at the death.

The whole field repaired to "My Clunk," where they were entertained at a charming breakfast by Mrs. Charles Bowcock and Mrs. Thurman.

Two more hunts and hunt breakfasts are looked for this week.

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Hugh Gordon Miller Continues in Favor With the Administration, but There Are No Developments in Regard to the Norrolk Appointments (Special Dispatch to The Time.) NORFOLK, VA., December 29.-One of the several test cases of the Virginia

Pilots' Association was argued in the

Court of Law and Chancery this morn-

VIRGINIA PILOTS

TESTING THE LAW

Claim the Right to Collect Fees

When Services Are Reiused.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE DALE

ing before Judge Martin, and held under advisement for future decision. This in to that Assocation charge a fee for ves their services or not. In this case the pilot, Joseph J. Darden, sues the schooler William Heely and her master cause he offered to take the vessel of the harbor and was refused. The case involves the right of Virginia to make such a law apply to the citizens of other States who choose to run the risk of bringing their own vessels into port. Officials from Washington and the heads of the departments of the navy yard went out on the torpedo boat de troyer Dale, built by the Triggs, for her stroyer Daie, built by the Triggs, for her trial trip this morning. She has been awaiting the supply of coal necessary. A notable guest was flugh i. Miller who seems to have had a special invitation from those officials from Washington, who include some of the intimate triends of President Roosevelt.

The gossips here argue from that in-vitation that Miller is in high favor in Washington, not only with the President, out with the President's friends. Mean-while there is no evidence of any deter-mination of the situation here. Colonel mination of the situation ners. Colonel Bowden is serene and apparently satisfied. Colonel Waddy is silent, and S. B. Curnoy declines to tell what he doesn't know. Through all of the wire-pulling Hugh G. Miller is exchanging bouquets, enjoying social courtesies and assisting he old year to go out joyously in order be replaced by the sweeter gifts and

SOTH WERE FINED. BOTH WERE FINED.

The case of J. A. C. Georer against the conductor, G. E. Williams, charged with using insulting language, which has been tostponed several times, came up for trial in the Police Court this morning. This was the second time that Mrs Groner and Miss Wellman appeared in the case, but the first time they testi-fied. Their testimony was to the effect that the conductor used insulting lan-guage to them as well as to Mr. Groner for the fares of a party of three. They said that the conductor not only spoke in an offensive manner to Mr. Groner, but came to them to ask for the fares. There was no doubt that Mr. Groner, acting on the advice of Mr. J. P. Andre Mettu, one of the directors of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, on whose car the alternation occurred, struck the

car the altercation occurred, struck the cenductor. The result was that Justice Taylor fined J. A. C. Groner S and fined George E. Williams, the conductor, \$10. The case was appealed to the Corporation Court by Wil iams.

Bruce Bule, of Newark, N. J., who slashed his threat because of the poverty of himself and his young wife, has been discharged from the hespital. His threat was so dangerously cut with a razer that he narrowly escaped death.

Bule and his pretty young wife were put out of a house into which they seem to have been lured by poverty and ignorance. They will be cared for by kind persons till they have s cu ed work.

DIED FROM LOCKJAW.

Charles Turnell Morriss, f urteen years old, son of Captain A. T. Morris, of West Norfok, died at the home of his parents this morning from lockjaw. The youth, this morning from lockjaw. The youth, while firing a blank cartridge pistol on Caristmas day, shot himself in his hand, and although the wound was painful, fatal results were not anticipated until fatal results were not anticipated until lockjiw set in. Death rapidly followed.

The police have notice of the desertions of ten men of all grades from the Puritan alone. Commander A. G. Berry has given the names of the men, for whom he offers a reward of \$10 each. The men left to spend the holidays on shore. Dan McGill, a mach nist, at work at the Etra Iron Works, on Witer Street, was severely hurt this morning. He was at work near an emery wheel when it burst. One of the fragments struck McGill on the shoulder, cutting it so bad'y that he was sent to the St. Vincent Hospital.

# A SURPRISE MARRIAGE

Miss Daisy Nunally B comes the Bride

of Mr J. C. Noton. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MEHERRIN, VA., December 29.—A wedding which was quite a surprise to the people of this vicinity, was that of Mr. J. C. Nelson and Miss Daisy Nunnally, who recently moved near berg from Green Bay, Rev. W. T. Clark performed the ceremony, after which a bountiful supper was served, and dancing was energed in until the wee hours of the engaged in until the wee hours of the

On Friday last a tournament was given at the cou thouse by the young people of hat vicin'ty. Several ook part in the riding after which a large ball was sived at Hotel Gary, Dancing was engaged in and kept up all night. A large crowd attended the ball and had a glorious time,

# CANNOT BE FOUND.

Divers Unable to Recover Bodies of

Siler: Lost on the Massey. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 22.—Athough dilvers have been continuously at work since the explosion of the tug Massey, no trace hus been found of the bodies of Captain Williams, Fireman Gibbs and the unknown deckhand. The wreck of the tug is to be blown up by dynamits so that the channel will be cleared. This year's emancipation celebration by the nextoes of Norfolk will eclipse all others. Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration on New Year & Day. There will be fourteen divisions in the parade, and the exercises will be held at St. John's Church.

A petition is being circulated by su-A petition is being circulated by su-burban residents of this section looking to the passage of a bill in the Legislature

compelling railway companies to heat their cars. Telephone Consolidation.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
YORKTOWN, VA., December There is an agreement pending between the Southern States Telephone Company and the two local companies, the Chesa-reake and the Tidewater, to consolidate. This is an anti-Bell movement, and intended to operate in opposition to them.

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